Buildings for the fishermen of Vadi in Quilon.

248. *MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that land acquisition proceedings for the purpose of constructing certain buildings for the fishermen of Vadi, Quilon, in Jonakapuram, have been dropped:

(*b*) whether Government passed any orders regarding that; and

(*c*) if so, whether they will lay on the table the copy of the order?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Have these lands been made available for the purpose of buildings for the fishermen of Vadi?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commisisoner*): No, not yet.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Why not?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): There have been petitions objecting to the acquisition of these lands; and the matter is under enquiry.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Have not the Government come to a final decision on a prior occasion that these lands must be acquired and made available for this purpose?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes, but further complaints have since been received.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): When were these complaints received?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): In August 1935.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): During the time of Dewan Mr. Austin, did he not visit this locality and pass final orders, as a result of such local inspection, that the land must be handed over for the purpose of buildings for the fishermen of Vadi? What was the date of the order?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): 9th June 1932.

Kadiyapattanam Road.

249. *MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a road connecting Kadiyapattanam fishing village and Nagercoil-Manavalakurichy road is opened;

(*b*) how long it was under construction;

(*c*) whether the road was constructed by the P. W. D. or the contractors under them; and

(*d*) the amount actually spent on that road, including the land compensation, and the amount to be spent before it is finally completed?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) The work is in progress and is nearing completion.

(*b*) The work was commenced in 1109.

(*c*) It is being executed by the P. W. D. through contract agenc y

(*d*) The amount actually spent is Rs. 5,544 including land compensation, and the amount to be spent for the completion of the work is Rs. 1,382.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know the number of miles constructed ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I am afraid I have not the information here.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know whether it is at least a mile.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know whether it requires three years to complete a mile of road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Not usually. But in this case land acquisition is necessary.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : When were land acquisition proceedings commenced ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I cannot give the exact date.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know whether the delay for the non-completion of the road is due to the Executive Engineer giving the road to be done by the contractors ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Not likely. It might be due to the fact that there may not be funds in the budget. Or there might be some trouble over the land acquisition. At any rate, I hope the honourable member will be satisfied that the road is going to be finished shortly.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know how long it was actually under construction ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : It was commenced in 1109.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether the land acquisition proceedings were commenced in 1109 ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I have not the information here.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether the work was done piecemeal ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Possibly.

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